

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Allaire, Paul

Group Art Unit: 3738

Serial No. 09/673,922

Examiner: not yet assigned

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For: IMPLANTABLE CENTRIFUGAL BLOOD PUMP  
WITH HYBRID MAGNETIC BEARINGS

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STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patent  
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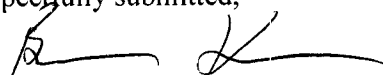
Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on August 24, 2001. On March 14, 2006, we filed a status request. The patent office indicated an action should be forthcoming in early September.

Because we have not received an action from the USPTO, this is to officially inquire as to the status of the above-identified patent application.

Signed September 25, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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